AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Twice amended) A settlement system using ~~purchase~~ <u>coupon</u> information, comprising:

an information distribution apparatus including:

a first purchase information memory configured to store ~~purchase~~ <u>coupon</u> information usable by a user to purchase a commodity or utilize a service ~~in a sales apparatus situated~~ at a ~~seller location~~ <u>store</u>;

a purchase information selection unit configured to select the ~~purchase~~ <u>coupon</u> information for distribution to a terminal apparatus associated with the user from said first purchase information memory;

a first communication unit coupled to a wireless connection, configured to send the selected ~~purchase~~ <u>coupon</u> information to the terminal apparatus, and to receive use log information reflecting use of the sent ~~purchase~~ <u>coupon</u> information from the terminal apparatus; and

a first use log memory configured to store a use record of the sent ~~purchase~~ <u>coupon</u> information according to the use log information;

the terminal apparatus including:

a second communication unit coupled to a wireless connection;

a second purchase information memory configured to store the ~~purchase~~ <u>coupon</u> information sent by the information distribution apparatus, the ~~purchase~~ <u>coupon</u> information sent by the information distribution apparatus being received by the second communication unit;

a display unit configured to display the ~~purchase~~ coupon information stored in said

second purchase information memory;

an operation unit configured to select displayed ~~purchase~~ coupon information, the

~~purchase~~ coupon information selected by the operation unit being sent to ~~the~~ a sales apparatus

wirelessly through said second communication unit in response to an operation performed by the

user when the user purchases the commodity or utilizes the service at the ~~seller location~~ store;

and

a second use log memory configured to store a use result of the ~~purchase~~ coupon

information sent by the ~~terminal~~ sales apparatus, the use result sent by the sales apparatus and

received through said second communication unit, the use log information reflecting the use

result and being sent to the information distribution apparatus through said second

communication unit; and

the sales apparatus located at the store including:

a third communication unit coupled to a wireless connection;

a purchase information decision unit configured to determine a classification of the

~~purchase~~ coupon information sent by the terminal apparatus and received through said third

communication unit;

a settlement program memory configured to store a plurality of settlement programs each

corresponding to a ~~purchase information~~ classification of coupon information; and

a settlement unit configured to select a settlement program corresponding to the

classification determined by said purchase information decision unit from the plurality of

settlement programs, and execute a settlement processing of ~~purchase~~ the coupon information

sent by the terminal apparatus by using the settlement program, the use result reflecting the

settlement processing and being sent to the terminal apparatus through said third communication

unit.

2.   (Currently amended)   The settlement system according to claim 1, wherein

the ~~purchase~~ coupon information is ~~coupon~~ information to receive a service such as a

commodity discount or a gift,

the information distribution apparatus comprises one of a server to distribute the coupon

information, an ~~Internet~~ internet terminal connected to the server, and a base station of

information source, and

the settlement program is a coupon settlement program to execute a discount settlement

or a gift selection for a commodity of the coupon information.

3.   (Original)   The settlement system according to claim 2, wherein the coupon

information includes a purchase information identifier, an object commodity name, a privilege,

an object store name, and a classification name.

4.   (Previously presented)   The settlement system according to claim 1,

wherein,

the first purchase information memory stores location information of each object store

included in coupon information, and

said purchase information selection unit sends the coupon information of which the

location information of the object store neighbors with a location of the terminal apparatus of the

user when said first communication unit receives the location of the terminal apparatus.

5.   (Currently amended)   The settlement system according to claim 1,

wherein the use log information includes a purchase information identifier, a user

identifier of the terminal apparatus, a store identifier used for the ~~purchase~~ <u>coupon</u> information,

and a use date.

6.   (Twice amended)   The settlement system according to claim 1, wherein

the purchase information selection unit sends ~~new~~ purchase information to the terminal

apparatus of a particular user through said first communication unit if said purchase information

memory stores the use log information of the particular user.

7.   (Twice amended)   The settlement system according to claim 1, wherein

the operation unit inputs a selection condition for the user to receive the ~~purchase~~ <u>coupon</u>

information on said display unit, and

said purchase information selection unit sends new ~~purchase~~ <u>coupon</u> information to the

terminal apparatus of the user through said first communication unit if said purchase information

memory stores the new ~~purchase~~ <u>coupon</u> information matched with the selection condition.

8.   (Previously presented)   The settlement system according to claim 1,

wherein,

the display unit displays coupon information usable by the sales apparatus when the

terminal apparatus is wirelessly connected to the sales apparatus, and

said second communication unit sends the coupon information to the sales apparatus

when said operation unit indicates the coupon information to be used by the sales apparatus on

said display unit.

9.   (Twice amended)   The settlement system according to claim [[1]] 6, wherein

the purchase information is recommendation information for the seller utilized by a user,

the information distribution apparatus comprises one of a server to distribute the

recommendation information, an internet terminal connected to the server, and a base station of

information source, and

the settlement program is a program to issue a proof of coming to the seller location store

or a proof of purchase in order to send the proof to the terminal apparatus.

10.   (Previously presented)   The settlement system according to claim 9,

wherein the recommendation information includes a purchase information identifier, an

object store name, and a classification name.

11.   (Currently amended)   The settlement system according to claim [[1]] 6, wherein

the purchase information is a prize information for a user to participate,

the information distribution apparatus is one of a server to distribute the prize

information, an internet terminal connected to the server, and a base station of information

source, and

the settlement program is a program to issue a prize point if an object commodity of the

prize is included in settlement commodities or if an object service of the prize is included in

settlement services.

12.   (Original)   The settlement system according to claim 11, wherein

the prize information includes an identifier, an object commodity name, a number of

obtained points, a number of necessary points, and a classification name, and

the prize point is sent as the use log information from the information distribution

apparatus to the terminal apparatus of the user, and stored in said use log memory in the terminal

apparatus.

13.   (Original)   The settlement system according to claim 12, wherein

in the terminal apparatus, the prize information and the prize point are sent to the

information distribution apparatus in order to proceed a subscription of the prize if the prize

point stored in said use log memory satisfies the number of necessary points described in the

prize information.

14.   (Twice amended)   The settlement system according to claim [[1]] 6, wherein

the purchase information is use registration information for a user to count a use

frequency in the sales apparatus,

the information distribution apparatus comprises one of a server to distribute the use

registration information, an internet terminal connected to the server, and a base station of

information source, and

the settlement program is a program to vary a winning probability of a prize according to

the use frequency sent by the terminal apparatus of a user when an object commodity is

purchased or an object service is utilized by the user.

15.   (Original)   The settlement system according to claim 14, wherein

the use registration information including the use frequency is sent from the terminal

apparatus of the user to the sales apparatus when the object commodity is purchased or the object

service is utilized by the user in the sales apparatus, and

updated use frequency as the use result is sent from the sales apparatus to the terminal

apparatus, and stored in said use log memory in the terminal apparatus.

16.   (Currently amended) The settlement system according to claim [[1]] 6, wherein

the purchase information is course information from a present location to a destination of

a user,

the information distribution apparatus comprises a server to distribute the course

information in response to information of the present location and the destination sent by the

terminal apparatus of the user,

the sales apparatus comprises an automatic ticket vending machine,

the settlement program is a program to calculate a fare corresponding to the course

information sent by the terminal apparatus when the user of the terminal apparatus purchases a

ticket to the destination from the automatic ticket vending machine.

17.   (Previously presented)   The settlement system according to claim 16,

wherein the automatic ticket vending machine turns on a light of a purchase button corresponding to the fare on a panel including a plurality of purchase buttons each corresponding to a different fare.

18.   (Currently amended) The settlement system according to claim [[1]] 6, wherein the purchase information is payment request information for a purchase procedure executed between an electronic trade server and a terminal apparatus of a user,

the information distribution apparatus comprises the electronic trade server, and

the settlement program is a program to receive a price and execute a settlement in response to the payment request information sent by the terminal apparatus when the user pays an amount of money described in the payment request information to the sales apparatus as a payment counter.

19.   (Original)   The settlement system according to claim 18,

wherein the payment request information includes a purchase information identifier, a payment request number, an amount of money, and a classification name.

20.   (Original)   The settlement system according to claim 19,

wherein the sales apparatus sends a proof of payment to the terminal apparatus, and sends settlement information including the payment request number to the electronic trade server after the sales apparatus receives the amount of money from the user and executes a settlement of the payment.

21. (Twice amended)   The settlement system according to claim 1, wherein the information distribution apparatus further comprises:

a use log analysis unit configured to analyze a comment of the use log information of each user and generate a selection condition of each user to select suitable ~~purchase~~ coupon information according to the analysis result, and

wherein said purchase information selection unit selects the ~~purchase~~ coupon information from said purchase information memory according to the selection condition.

22. (Original)   The settlement system according to claim 21, wherein

the use log information includes a purchase information identifier, a user identifier, and the comment of the user of the terminal apparatus, and

the selection condition includes the user identifier, and a condition representing a tendency of the user in comparison with other users.

23. (Twice amended)   The settlement system according to claim 1, the information distribution apparatus further comprising:

a use log counting unit configured to sum the use log information for each of a plurality of ~~seller locations~~ stores each of which makes a contract of distribution of ~~purchase~~ coupon information, and to output a request of charge of distribution based on the sum result to the sales apparatus of each ~~seller location~~ store.

24. (Twice amended)   A settlement system using ~~purchase~~ coupon information, comprising:

a portable terminal apparatus associated with a user and operable to perform wireless communication, the portable terminal apparatus configured to receive ~~purchase~~ coupon information usable by the user to purchase a commodity or utilize a service at a store, store the ~~purchase~~ coupon information in a memory, and send comment information related to the commodity purchased or the service utilized by the user;

an information distribution apparatus associated with a purchase information trader and operable to perform wireless communication, the information distribution apparatus configured to receive the comment information sent by the portable terminal apparatus, distribute the ~~purchase~~ coupon information presented by a commodity sales or service trader and the comment information related to the ~~purchase~~ coupon information to the portable terminal apparatus, and manage a frequency of use of the ~~purchase~~ coupon information and the comment information; and

a sales apparatus, located at ~~a seller site~~ the store, associated with the commodity sales or service trader and operable to perform wireless communication, the sales apparatus configured to execute a settlement and a proof of purchasing a commodity or utilizing a service according to the ~~purchase~~ coupon information stored in the portable terminal apparatus in response to an operation ~~by the user~~ performed by the user when the user purchases the commodity or utilizes the service at the ~~seller site~~ store,

wherein said information distribution apparatus varies a charge of the purchase information trader to collect from the commodity sales or service trader according to the frequency of use of the ~~purchase~~ coupon information and the comment information.

25.   (Twice amended)   An information distribution apparatus, comprising:

a purchase information memory configured to store ~~purchase~~ <u>coupon</u> information usable

by a user to purchase a commodity or utilize a service in a sales apparatus <u>located</u> at a ~~seller site~~

<u>store</u>;

a purchase information selection unit configured to select the ~~purchase~~ <u>coupon</u>

information to be distributed to a terminal apparatus associated with the user from said purchase

information memory;

a communication unit coupled to a wireless connection, configured to send the selected

~~purchase~~ <u>coupon</u> information to the terminal apparatus and receive use log information reflecting

a result of a use of the selected ~~purchase~~ <u>coupon</u> information from the terminal apparatus; and

a use log memory configured to store a use record of the selected ~~purchase~~ <u>coupon</u>

information for each user according to the use log information.

26.   (Twice amended)   A terminal apparatus <u>associated with</u> ~~of~~ a user, comprising:

a communication unit coupled to a wireless connection;

a purchase information memory configured to store ~~purchase~~ <u>coupon</u> information sent by

an information distribution apparatus through said communication unit, the ~~purchase~~ <u>coupon</u>

information being usable by the user to purchase a commodity or utilize a service in a sales

apparatus located at a ~~seller site~~ <u>store</u>;

a display unit configured to display the ~~purchase~~ <u>coupon</u> information stored in said

purchase information memory;

an operation unit configured to select the ~~purchase~~ <u>coupon</u> information from the

displayed ~~purchase~~ <u>coupon</u> information, the selected ~~purchase~~ <u>coupon</u> information being sent to

the sales apparatus through said communication unit in response to [[a]] <u>an</u> user operation

performed <u>by the user</u> when the user purchases the commodity or utilizes the service at <s>the seller</s> <s>site</s> <u>store</u>; and

a use log memory configured to store use log information as a use result of the <s>purchase</s> <u>coupon</u> information sent by the sales apparatus through said communication unit, the use log information being sent to the information distribution apparatus through said communication unit.

27.   (Twice amended)   A sales apparatus, located at a <s>seller-site</s> <u>store</u>, comprising:

a communication unit <s>having</s> <u>coupled to</u> a wireless connection;

a purchase information decision unit configured to decide a classification of <s>purchase</s> <u>coupon</u> information sent by a terminal apparatus associated with a user through said communication unit when the user purchases a commodity or utilizes a service at the <s>seller-site</s> <u>store</u>;

a settlement program memory configured to store a plurality of settlement programs each corresponding to <s>each</s> <u>a</u> classification of <s>the purchase</s> <u>coupon</u> information; and

a settlement unit configured to select a settlement program corresponding to the classification of the <s>purchase</s> <u>coupon</u> information decided by said purchase information decision unit from the plurality of settlement programs, and execute a settlement processing of the <s>purchase</s> <u>coupon</u> information by using the settlement program, a use result of the <s>purchase</s> <u>coupon</u> information being sent to the terminal apparatus through said communication unit.

28.   (Twice amended)   A method for distributing <s>purchase</s> <u>coupon</u> information <u>in a computer</u>, comprising:

storing, in a memory of [[a]] the computer, ~~purchase~~ <u>coupon</u> information usable by a user to purchase a commodity or utilize a service <u>at a store</u>;

selecting, from the memory, ~~purchase~~ <u>coupon</u> information to be distributed to a terminal apparatus associated with the user;

sending the selected ~~purchase~~ <u>coupon</u> information to the terminal apparatus via a wireless communication;

receiving use log information reflecting a result of a use of the selected ~~purchase~~ <u>coupon</u> information from the terminal apparatus via the wireless communication; and

storing, in the memory, a use record of the selected ~~purchase~~ <u>coupon</u> information for each user according to the use log information.

29. (Twice amended) A method for utilizing ~~purchase~~ <u>coupon</u> information in a terminal apparatus associated with a user, comprising:

storing, in a memory of the terminal apparatus, ~~purchase~~ <u>coupon</u> information sent by an information distribution apparatus, the ~~purchase~~ <u>coupon</u> information being usable by the user to purchase a commodity or utilize a service in a sales apparatus located at a ~~seller site~~ <u>store</u>;

displaying the stored ~~purchase~~ <u>coupon</u> information;

selecting ~~purchase~~ <u>coupon</u> information from the displayed ~~purchase~~ <u>coupon</u> information;

sending the selected ~~purchase~~ <u>coupon</u> information to the sales apparatus via a wireless communication in response to an operation performed by the user when the user purchases the commodity or utilizes the service at the ~~seller site~~ <u>store</u>;

storing, in the memory, use log information as a use result of the selected ~~purchase~~ <u>coupon</u> information sent by the sales apparatus; and

sending the use log information to the information distribution apparatus via the wireless communication.

30.   (Twice amended)   A method for settling in [[In]] a computer located at a ~~seller site, a method for settling, the method~~ store, comprising:

receiving, via a wireless communication, ~~purchase~~ coupon information sent by a terminal apparatus associated with a user when the user purchases a commodity or utilizes a service at ~~a seller site~~ the store;

determining a classification of the ~~purchase~~ coupon information;

selecting a settlement program corresponding to the classification of the ~~purchase~~ coupon information from a plurality of settlement programs stored in a memory of the computer;

executing settlement processing of the ~~purchase~~ coupon information using the settlement program; and

sending, via the wireless communication, a use result of the ~~purchase~~ coupon information to the terminal apparatus.

31.   (Twice amended)   A computer-readable medium containing instructions for controlling a computer system to perform a method, the method comprising:

storing ~~purchase~~ coupon information usable by a user to purchase a commodity or utilize a service in a sales apparatus located a store;

selecting ~~purchase~~ coupon information to be distributed to a terminal apparatus associated with [[of]] the user;

sending the selected ~~purchase~~ <u>coupon</u> information to the terminal apparatus via a wireless communication;

receiving a use log information reflecting a result of a use of the selected ~~purchase~~ <u>coupon</u> information from the terminal apparatus via the wireless communication; and

storing a use record of the selected ~~purchase~~ <u>coupon</u> information for each user according to the use log information.

32.   (Twice amended)   A computer-readable medium containing instructions for controlling a computer system to perform a method, the method comprising:

storing ~~purchase~~ <u>coupon</u> information sent by an information distribution apparatus, the ~~purchase~~ <u>coupon</u> information being usable by a user to purchase a commodity or utilize a service in a sales apparatus located at <u>a</u> store;

displaying the stored ~~purchase~~ <u>coupon</u> information;

selecting the ~~purchase~~ <u>coupon</u> information from the displayed ~~purchase~~ <u>coupon</u> information;

sending the selected ~~purchase~~ <u>coupon</u> information to the sales apparatus via a wireless communication in response to an operation performed by the user when the user purchases the commodity or utilizes the service at the store;

storing use log information as a use result of the selected ~~purchase~~ <u>coupon</u> information sent by the sales apparatus; and

sending the use log information to the information distribution apparatus by the wireless communication.

33.   (Twice amended)   A computer-readable medium containing instructions for controlling a computer system to perform a method, the method comprising:

receiving ~~purchase~~ coupon information sent by a terminal apparatus associated with a user via a wireless communication when the user purchases a commodity or utilizes a service at a store where the computer system is located;

determining a classification of the ~~purchase~~ coupon information;

selecting a settlement program corresponding to the classification of the ~~purchase~~ coupon information from a plurality of settlement programs stored;

executing a settlement processing of the ~~purchase~~ coupon information by using the selected settlement program, and

sending a use result of the ~~purchase~~ coupon information to the terminal apparatus via the wireless communication.